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may we QUOTE you on that?

[1] Gen'l DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, chmn of Sperry Rand Corp'n, charging that gov't's lust for taxes is the greatest threat to nat'n's free enterprise system: "Americans will pay for gov't this yr more than they will spend on food, clothing, medical care and religious activities combined." . . . [2] Sec'y of Defense CHAS E WILSON, after slapping airtight \$38,000,000,000 spending limit on military services, with promise of more cuts to come: "I won't approve anything that would raise defense costs one dollar in the frame of mind I'm in now." . . . [3] Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, paying tribute to former Sen WALTER F GEORGE (D-Ga): "He served his country and the free world for many yrs with distinction and integrity. He was an outstanding American and a fine gentleman who will be greatly missed." . . . [4] Dr ELTON TRUEBLOOD, lecturer, author and prof of phi-



losophy at Earlham College, Ind: "Persons who claim they get more religious benefit from a solitary walk in the woods or on the golf course than by attending church are parasites. They forget that their religious motivation came from the church in the 1st place." . . . [5] Rev JOHN A HOULE, Glendale, Calif, in Tokyo en route home after 4 yrs in a Red China prison: "Our refusal to recognize the Red Chinese causes them such loss of prestige that it's one of the most valuable weapons we have in the fight against Chinese Communism." . . . [6] JAMES MOTESSELL, Assoc Prof of Psychology at George Washington Univ, offering advice to cancer-scared smokers: "(To stop smoking) go on a vacation, go to jail, go to the South Seas, move to a new house, change jobs or have a baby, but change your pattern of life."

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Editorial Clippings

A subscriber (understandably confused) sends us 2 clippings. One, from a trade ass'n bulletin, estimates the economic loss from traffic accidents at \$4 billion a yr, "or almost equal to the total spent annually for public education."

The 2nd clipping, from an educational jnl, makes a point that the American people "spend as much on alcoholic beverages as was spent last yr on all public education—\$9 billion."

This illustrates rather graphically an American tendency to quote figures without confirmation or clarification. In this instance, the trade ass'n figure of \$4 billion is about what we spent 10 yrs ago. The \$9 billion quoted by the educational jnl represents our investment for '54. While this is the most recent figure released by U S Office of Education, it is a safe assumption that with more classrooms, more teachers, more pupils, higher prices, we are today investing at an annual rate of better than \$12 billion.

Proceeding further, the clipping reads "all public education." But the Gov't tabulation in question covers only the servicing of pupils "from the age of 5 thru 17." No acc't has been taken of publicly-supported universities, colleges, normal or technical schools. Nor is there a record of public expenditures for adult extension courses, night schools, etc.

While it is true that the clipping refers specifically to "public education," if we are to give an objective picture of what *all* of the people of America actually spend for education — in comparison with what all of them spend for alcohol — we must include the private-school investment from kindergarten to university, as well as the very extensive church-supported educational systems.

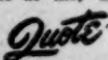
Certainly we have no wish to "make a case" for the liquor interests, as some will accusingly conclude. Our only point is that, since readers are disposed to accept printed figures as a sort of gospel revelation, those who employ them have a moral obligation to be assured of objective accuracy.

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"He who never quotes, is never quoted."



ACCIDENT—Cost—1

Economic losses attributed to auto accidents last yr could have financed 190,000 new schoolrooms, or hospital facilities to accommodate 260,000 patients, or financed about 500,000 new homes, or bought clothing for half the population in the U S for a yr, or a day's food supply for every person in the world. The economic loss has been estimated at \$4.75 billion. — *U S Gov't bulletin.*

AGE—2

At 50 one can be eccentric, whereas at 30 the same actions were considered rude.—*PHYLLIS W HEALD, "The Luxury of Being 50," Together, 7-'57.*

ANGER—3

Sister Elizabeth Kenny, the famed Australian nurse, was once asked by a friend how she managed to stay so constantly cheerful, no matter how much she faced that was provocative.

Said a friend, "I suppose you were just born calm and smiling."

"Oh, no," laughed Sister Kenny, "as a girl my temper often got out of bounds. But one day when I became angry at a friend over some trivial matter, my mother gave me counsel that I stored in my mind and have called upon for guidance ever since.

"Mother told me, 'Elizabeth, anyone who angers you, conquers you.' "—*JACK KYBLE, You.*

BOOKS—Reading—4

More people are literate in America than in any other country; we have several times as many college graduates as we had at the beginning of this century; yet probably there is less serious reading, per head of population, than in any of the other great nations. — *Modern Age.*

BROTHERHOOD—5

Cicero warned his hearers not to obtain slaves from the Britons: "They're so stupid and dull." A Moor wrote in the 14th century: "These Germans are tall of stature, and light of skin, but I have heard it rumored that they do not take baths." When the Ohio territory applied for statehood, a mbr of the U S Congress said, "They are so rude and unlettered they will never make good citizens." But the British developed empire; the Germans have been outstanding in science, philosophy, music, art; Ohio has given the country 7 presidents. Who are we to draw sharp lines between groups, to shut ourselves out from fuller fellowship when the world's new trend must now be toward brotherhood?—*Internat'l Jnl of Religious Education.*

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washington

By Les & Liz
Carpenter



Sen John F Kennedy (D-Mass) who figures prominently in Presidential speculation for '60, promises the unusual lure of a toddler in the White House. The 40-yr-old senator is scheduled to become a father for the 1st time this fall.
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Sen Rob't S Kerr (D-Okla) has rec'd a letter addressed only, "Windy Kerr, Washington, D C." Kerr says he doesn't know whether to be flattered by being so well known to postal workers, or insulted by the description.
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The Post Office Dep't grows weary of saying "no" to Congressmen who seek commemorative stamps to honor some celebration or anniversary back home. While it is economically possible for the gov't to issue only 12 to 15 different commemorative stamps each yr, the Dep't has approx 2600 requests on file for stamps—including one to celebrate the introduction of goats into the U S.
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Rep Brooks Hays (D-Ark) recently spoke in a northern Ohio community where Pres Rutherford B Hayes had once lived. In his introduction, the presiding officer (a Republican) said: "When you see the name spelled H-a-y-s, you know the man is either a Democrat, or illiterate—or both."

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CHURCH—Attendance—6

The next time I canvass a new neighborhood and run into a chap who tells me he doesn't want to attend church because there are too many hypocrites in the church, I'm going to tell him very politely: "O, don't let that keep you away. We've always got room for one more."—*American Lutheran*.

COMPETITION—7

"How can I compete," asked the boy next door, "with the supermen, the big brains, for the top jobs?"

"Huh?" I exclaimed. "Those jobs are filled with men who used to ask themselves the same question." — HARLAN MILLER, *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

CONVICTION—8

A reporter recently asked J B Priestley, the English writer, why he seemed to succeed in his various literary projects where many of his brilliant contemporaries had failed. Mr Priestley ans'd with refreshing candor: "If there was any difference between us, it was simply this—I cared desperately; I cared like blazes. The others waited until they felt in the mood." — DAVID A MACLENNAN, "Top Urgent—A Legion of the Concerned," *Presbyterian Life*, 7-20-'57.

CULTURE—9

Culture will never be produced by automation. It is a concept of human values—not mat'l values. It is a thing of the spirit wedded to moral conduct and principles of human intercourse substantially unrelated to production of goods. It is a consequence of intelligent application of liberal arts.—RALPH M BESSE, Exec-v-Pres, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co, quoted in *Vital Speeches*.



Fantastic prices paid these days by motion picture interests for literary properties has resulted in some rather unsavory gossip in publishing circles. It is intimated that some go-betweens are getting more out of these deals than a normal percentage cut. Rumor has it that in one recent sale, negotiator got a \$50,000 kickback from publisher and author. The more ethical literary ag'ts are quite concerned.

In numbers, books on the cigaret-cancer controversy are now running neck and neck with learned tomes dedicated to the Geophysical Yr. We'd surmise, however, that the former are likely to make a more substantial contribution toward lining the pockets of materialistic book vendors.

There's an abundance of "scare stuff," but the confirmed smoker will perhaps find maximal consolation in a new book by Eric Northrup, feature editor of *Scope Weekly*. It's called *Science Looks at Smoking* (Coward-McCann). While the book presents both sides of the controversy, the philosophy is pretty well reflected in an introduction by Dr Harry S N Greene, chmn, Dept of Pathology, Yale Univ, who frankly isn't over-impressed with the significance of evidence: "I will continue to smoke," he asserts, "and if the tobacco companies cease manufacturing their product, I will revert to sweet fern and grape leaves." The author himself concludes:

Men who write novels pornographic
Do so for reasons golden-calfic.
—TOM PEASE.

Life, after all, is a series of calculated risks, not the least of which is the risk of falling for medical statistics. To yield small pleasure without protest is a thoughtless waste. Life, at best, is a losing proposition. As Mark Twain put it, nobody ever came out of it alive."

Prentice-Hall rep'ts that the books of Dr Norman Vincent Peale have, in the past 8 yrs, sold 4 million copies — all in the original hard-cover editions. They estimate a readership of 20 million persons.

This story, which goes back to the day when tranquilizers were mental rather than medicinal, concerns a somewhat disturbed matron who had heard of a couple of books by Rabbi Joshua Liebmam and Bishop Fulton Sheen, titled respectively *Peace of Mind* and *Peace of Soul*. A little confused, but very much in earnest, she rushed breathlessly to the nearest bookstall and asked for a copy of *A Piece of My Mind* by Rabbi Sheen!

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DEFENSE—Civil—10

If the air-raid sirens sounded a genuine alarm, how many people would believe an attack was actually underway? Just 20%, according to a study completed by Univ of Mich researchers for Civil Defense Administration. One test, made in Oakland, Calif., indicated % of the people would do nothing, or the wrong things.—*Survey Bulletin*.

DEMOCRACY—11

At the time of the first World War, Pres Wilson called for a "World safe for democracy."

To this Gilbert K Chesterton retorted: "Impossible; democracy is a dangerous trade." — KENNETH R MILLER, Gen'l Mgr, Nat'l Ass'n of Mfrs, quoted in *Vital Speeches*.

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It (democracy) cannot be sold to the rest of the world, or even to our own people, unless we can learn to practice it in a more realistic way than we are now practicing it.—RICHARD WAVERLY POSTON, *Democracy Is You* (Harper).

EDUCATION—12

The great danger in public education today is that we have failed to see the difference between knowledge and wisdom. We train the head and let the heart run hog-wild. We allow culture and character to walk mi's apart, stuffing the head with mathematics and languages — leaving manners and morals out of the picture.—Dr THEO H PALMQUIST, of Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, in vesper service talk opening 61st annual Nat'l PTA Congress.

FEAR—13

The highway of fear is the shortest route to defeat. — WM L BROWNELL.

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If every black cloud had a cyclone in it, the world would have been blown into toothpicks long ago.—*Baptist Beacon*.

FUTURE—14

An Oxford tutor said to one of his students about to graduate:

Quote scrap book

It was after his historic victory over John L Sullivan, in the 21st round (Sept 7, 1892), that Jas J ("Gentleman Jim") CORBETT issued his much-quoted formula for success, which we quote in part:

Fight one more round. When your nose is bleeding and your eyes are black and you are so tired that you wish your opponent would crack you one on the jaw and put you to sleep, fight one more round.

*"Now you are going down from Oxford, and you have—well, one may say you have a straight run to the grave." It is to be hoped that the prospects are not quite so bleak. To be sure there is the bomb, there is Russia, there are many other things, such as there always are, to give the small-hearted pause; but . . . they are not new. The possibilities to make a life, and to make a world, remain.—NATHAN M PUSEY, "Spiritual Odyssey," (Harvard Baccalaureate Address), *Christian Century*.*

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GOD—and Man—15

Our way out lies not in human ingenuity, but in a return to God. The early church had moral revolutionaries; we need moral revolutionaries today. America doesn't need more nuclear weapons or more armies. America needs men and women to live for Christ. —
BILLY GRAHAM, evangelist.

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The story goes that an English vicar once asked his bishop, "Do you like the Salvation Army?" and the bishop repl'd: "Well, I cannot say that I do, but to be honest I must confess I believe God does."—
Harper's Mag.

GOVERNMENT—16

Government can be bigger than any of the players on the field as a referee, but it has no right to become one of the players.—**AUSTIN IGLEHEART**, *Forbes*.

HAPPINESS—17

Aggressive attack cannot bring happiness. You would think many believed it could, like the lady with the little girl at the circus. The girl was dazed, almost overwhelmed by the strange sights, sounds, smells. Her adult guardian shook her roughly as she said, "Look here, you! I brought you here to have a good time. Now you have it!"—**DAVID A MACLENNAN**, "Priming the Preacher's Pump," *Church Mgt*, 7-'57.

HEALTH—18

It is taken as a matter of course that cut fingers, bruised arms, and stomach aches be given immediate attention. Emotional 1st aid is just as important as 1st aid for physical illness.—**DR WM MENNINGER**, "Mental Health for Execs," addressing American Ass'n of Advertising Agencies.

HUMAN NATURE—19

A boy from Lebanon, Ind., went to Washington on one of those special trips for kids, climbed the Washington Monument, visited the Lincoln Memorial and saw the endless list of interesting things in the nation's capital. When his parents asked him what he enjoyed most, he repl'd, "Pillow fights."—
GRIFF NIBLACK, *Indianapolis News*.

IDEAS—20

The worth of an idea transports men; and, once having taken service under a favorite idea, they proceed to forget that there are other good ideas, with which their new darling must be made consonant, lest the good idea turn into a hideous and fatal error.—**JOSE ORTEGA Y GASSET**, "Morbid Democracy," *Modern Age*, Summer '57.

LIFE—Living—21

If we are to have enough to live for, we must have a purpose in life large enough to gather up these short-term goals into something which gives meaning and zest to the whole of life. We must enlist in causes larger and longer than our own lives so when age forces us to retire we can rejoice in the progress of that for which we have given ourselves. One of our American statesmen declared he would rather fail in a cause which would succeed than to succeed on an issue that would fail. — **RALPH W SOCKMAN**, "Enough to Live For," *Arkansas Methodist*, 7-18-'57.

MARRIED LIFE—22

It takes only a few yrs of marriage to change necking to pecking.—
HAL CHADWICK.

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Franklin's Happy Hoax

This will introduce to you the Baron von Steuben, lately a Lieutenant Gen'l in the King of Prussia's service. . .

This letter, to mbrs of the U S Congress, penned 180 yrs ago (Sept 4, 1777) by BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, presents one of the few instances where the great statesman participated in a planned deception.

In the late summer of 1777 the Count of St Germain introduced to Benjamin Franklin, our Ambassador at Paris, Baron Friedrich William Augustus Henry Ferdinand von Steuben. The baron, then 47 yrs of age, had been in the German military service over 30 yrs.

Franklin quickly saw that this experienced soldier had precisely the qualities needed to train the undisciplined American army. But von Steuben held only the lowly rank of captain. Franklin sensed that a rank-conscious Congress would not be impressed. So, in one of the more amusing hoaxes of history, he "promoted" this soldier, introducing him, in his letter to Congress, as a Lieutenant Gen'l.

Congress assigned von Steuben to Valley Forge. Almost overnight he transformed the army into a disciplined force. His Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States became a standard and treasured manual of the Revolution.

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MORALS—23

No people are stronger than their moral standards. Every nation that has come to its doom, every civilization that has disappeared from history has, in the last analysis, decayed from within thru the gradual, sometimes almost imperceptible, moral and cultural weakening.—MARC T GREENE, "America and the World," *Qty Review*, London, 7-'57.

PEACE—24

It seems to us that heads, hearts, and hands would settle the world's differences much better than arms.—*Sunshine Mag.*

POLITICS—25

"Now, gentlemen," said the prof to his English class, "can any of you give me a clear, concise definition of a politician?"

"I can, sir," volunteered the son of a Congressman, "if you'll just tell me to which party you refer." — *Gentry Serenader*, hm, Gentry Div'n, Consolidated Foods Corp'n.

PREACHERS—Preaching—26

Rep Toby Morris (D-Oklahoma) tells about a pioneer, unordained minister in a small community, who yielded to temptation and absconded with the church funds. The deacon organized a search and in due time the erring preacher was tracked down.

At the next church meeting, a mbr of the congregation asked if charges had been filed. "No," explained a spokesman for the deacons. "The money had already been spent. So we just decided to make him come back and preach it out." — *QUOTE Washington Bureau.*

Nat'l Child Safety Wk
United Community Campaigns of
America (Sept 2-Nov 28)

Sept 1—*Labor Sunday* . . . *Santa Fe Fiesta* (marks re-conquest of New Mexico from Indians. This yr is 265th anniv). . . 150th anniv (1807) acquittal of Aaron Burr on charge of treason. (Burr, vice-pres under Jefferson, was accused of planning independent empire in South and West). . . 60 yrs ago (1897) our 1st subway (Boston municipal) opened for traffic. . . 40 yrs ago (1917) 1st Fed'l child labor law became effective. . . 25 yrs ago (1932) Jas J ("Jimmy") Walker, Mayor of N Y C, resigned under fire as consequence of 14-month investigation of corruption, declaring himself victim of "political lynching." (For a somewhat romanticised version of Walker's life see current motion picture, *Beau James*.)

Sept 2—*Labor Day* (see also Sept 5).

Sept 3—205th anniv (1752) adoption by British Empire of Gregorian calendar (Sept 3 became Sept 14, accounting for retrogression of 11 days by equinox since Easter 325 A.D.). . . 55 yrs ago (1902) Pres Theo Roosevelt narrowly escaped death at Bridgeport, Conn, when a carriage in which he was riding was struck by an electric trolley car. Roosevelt suffered painful facial injuries; a secret service man was killed, 2 other persons seriously injured. (As consequence of this accident, public transporta-

tion vehicles were subsequently suspended in area covered by Presidential parade.)

Sept 4—180 yrs ago (1777) Benj Franklin presented Friedrich von Steuben to American Congress (see GEM Box). . . 155th anniv (1802) b of Marcus Whitman, "savior of Oregon."

Sept 5 — 75th anniv (1882) 1st Labor Day parade, N Y C—inspiration for Labor Day holiday.

Sept 6—200th anniv (1757) b of Marquis de Lafayette, French statesman and officer; hero of American Revolution. . . 95th anniv (1862) legend of Barbara Friechie ("Shoot if you must this old gray head. . .") On this date Confederates marched into Frederick, Md. But poet Whittier was inaccurate in saying that "Stonewall" Jackson gave an order to fire on U S flag in Mrs Friechie's window. Observers say soldiers may have taken one or 2 pot shots, but Mrs Friechie was not in or near the window. The flag, still preserved, is undamaged.

Sept 7 — 65th anniv (1892) 1st fight for heavy weight boxing championship held under Marquis of Queensbury rules. Jas J Corbett knocked out John L Sullivan in 21st (3-minute) round.



There are approx 70,000 school districts in the U S. In about 90% of these districts children are trapped in what educators call the "chronological lockstep." That is to say the pupils are graded by age. All in a given age group are given the same work, without regard to ability. Admittedly, this tends to retard the bright pupils; frustrates the slow ones.

On the face of it, this looks like a pretty bleak picture. But educators are heartened. Up to 10 or 15 yrs ago, practically 100% of our school districts were in the "lock-step" classification, rather than the present 90%. Few educators, indeed, dared to raise their voices in behalf of the exceptional child. Any suggestion of specialized instruction was deemed "undemocratic." The prevailing philosophy was that the public-supported school system was set up for "average" children. Those with intelligence quotients above or below the average would have to "fit in."

Now, belatedly, there is some realization that "gifted" children are a potential asset that, like any other national resource, must be developed for the common good. Thus, in the few school systems with "gifted-child" programs, teachers are alert for personality traits "allied with giftedness." Such children are subject to special observation and handling.

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RECREATION—27

The function of play is to balance life in relation to work, to afford a refreshing contrast to responsibility and routine, to keep alive that spirit of adventure and that sense of proportion which prevents taking oneself and one's job too seriously.—AUSTIN RIGGS, quoted in *Advertiser's Digest*.

ROMANCE—Reality—28

Romance is a rainbow. There it is up in the sky, the colors richer than any we glimpse on earth because they're made of purest light itself—but the end of that arch of glory falls, always and ever, far away across a plowed field, or behind a barn so distant it's no more than a postage stamp against a ridge, or plunging into a misty hill. . . . As we grow older we resign ourselves, as we do to dishes that must be washed, to the knowledge that those glowing bands of violet and yellow and rose will never strike into our own doorway.—GEO SUMNER ALBEE, "Peaches in the Bank," *Ladies' Home Jnl*, 8-'57.

SCIENCE—29

The scientist is a practical man and his are practical aims. He does not speak of the last analysis but rather of the next approximation.—G N LEWIS, *Science Digest*.

SPIRIT—30

Resources of the spirit are like savings: They must be accumulated before they are needed. When they are needed, there is no substitute for them. Sooner or later an individual faces the world alone. That moment may overwhelm him if he has no resources within himself.—MARTEN TEN HOOR, quoted in *In a Nutshell*.

SUCCESS—31

A retired business exec was once asked the secret of his success. He repl'd it could be summed up in 3 words—"and then some." "I discovered at an early age," he declared, "that most of the difference between average people and top people could be explained in 3 words. The top people did what was expected of them—and then some."—CARL HOLMES, syndicated col.

THOUGHT—32

If you wish to change your environment and your fortune, *change your thoughts*.—"The Law and our Needs," *Rosicrucian Fellowship Mag*, 8-'57.

TRIAL & ERROR—33

It is of the very life blood of democracy that there be freedom to seek the truth thru knowledge. The inquiring mind, indeed the boldly inquiring mind, persistent intellectual curiosity, the testing of every thesis and dogma against fact and reason are the working tools of free men and of the democratic educational process.—RALPH BUNCHE, *Sunrise*.

VIEWPOINT—34

It all depends on the viewpoint. We call something we don't understand "dull as dishwater." But G K Chesterton said that if dishwater were looked at under a microscope it would be found to be "just teeming with quiet fun."—BILL VAUGHAN, *VFW Mag*.

WOMEN—35

Women are a lot like ships. If kept in good shape and painted occasionally, they will stay seaworthy.—JACK HERBERT, *Successful Farming*.

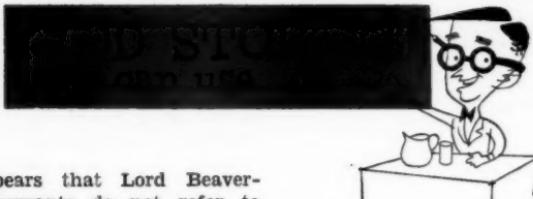


This has been a big yr for summer theatres, specializing for the most part in popular Broadway shows with well-known players. But the score or more operating under canvas have had a hectic time of it. Generally inclement weather has cut attendance. Several tents have collapsed under high winds. While there have been no casualties, producers are constantly haunted by fear of panic.

Not many products can be sold, after a decade of service, for more than the original purchase price. But that has been the situation with heavy aircraft. Leading airlines have often sold 10-yr-old 40-passenger DC-4's for as much as \$250,000 above cost. A condition made possible by active demand from small lines, plus fantastic rise in production cost of new equipment. But of late there's a sag in the mkt that has big lines worried. They've been counting on sale of older models to finance new jets under contract.

Incidentally, while jet liners won't be in operation for a yr and a half, American Airlines has started an ad campaign to emphasize jet safety and speed; allay public fears and wipe out prejudices against the jets. Other lines will probably follow suit in the near future.

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It appears that Lord Beaverbrook's servants do not refer to him as "His Lordship" or "Lord Beaverbrook," but as "the Lord." Mr Randolph Churchill, I am told, called at Arlington House recently. "I am sorry, sir," said the butler, "but the Lord is walking in the park." "Oh," said Randolph, "on the lake, I presume?" — PHAROS, *Spectator*, London. a

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"It says here that a man throttled his wife," said a woman, looking up from her paper.

Her husband repl'd, "Sounds like a practical choker." — *Atlas News*, hm, *Atlas Auto Finance Co.* b

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One chorus girl complained to another: "Why ain't I never invited to parties in swell places like you are, Daisy? I get invited once, but they never ask me again."

"I'll tell you the reason," said her friend. "You can't discuss any subject with people when you are at a party. Why don't you read a book? Then you'll be an interesting conversationalist."

The lectured one decided to read a book—and did. A few days later she was invited to a party. She listened to the talk for a while, and then stuck in her ear: "Wasn't that too bad about Marie Antoinette?" — *Wall St Jnl.* c

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

WM C KESSLER

The big-game hunter was captured by jungle headhunters who made a practice of shrinking and preserving their victims' heads. He was thought to be lost forever, but 2 yrs later he phoned his wife from a jungle outpost, saying he had escaped from the headhunters.

"I need clothing," he told his wife over the phone. "The headhunters fed me, but my clothing is completely gone. Send me some shirts, size 16 and a suit, size 38."

"Anything else?" asked the wife, happy that her husband was safe.

"Oh, yes," said the husband, "a hat—size one."

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About the only requirements (for Social Security) are that you be covered by the program. And, of course, that you be alive—altho apparently everyone doesn't realize that. Recently the Columbus, Ga., Social Security office actually got a phone call from a woman who said: "Does your office pay death benefits? Several wks ago, I died during an operation."

The astonished Social Security official's 1st question was: "Where are you calling from?" — SIDNEY MARGOLIUS, "The Big Fight Over Social Security," *Parade*. d

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QUIPS

In Poland. The teacher requested of the pupil Krakisky: "Tell me about your country."

"It reminds me of a newly born baby."

"Eh?"

"It is small, it is red, and it needs help."—*Pourquoi Pas?*, Belgium (QUOTE translation). e

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We don't suggest that it proves anything, but a certain girl we knew back in our teenage party days had a powerful revulsion to playing Postman's Knock—wouldn't play it at any price.

Well, we met an old friend the other day and he told us the end of her story.

She finished up in the Dead Letter Office.—*Digest of World Reading*, Melbourne, Australia. f

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The car raced around the corner, knocked over a policeman and 4 pedestrians, overturned a fruit stand, and came to a stop against a telephone pole. A sweet young girl crawled out of the wreckage, threw her hat in the air, and shouted, "Wow! That's what I call a kiss!" — *Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation). g

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The retiring usher was instructing his youthful successor in the details of his office. "And remember, my boy, that we have nothing but good, kind Christians in this church—until you try to put someone else in their pew." — *Great Northern Goat*, hm, Great Northern Ry. h

Definitions

MIDDLE AGE: *when you go all out and end up all in.*—JULES HENRY MARR.

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HUSBAND: *a man who exchanges a bushel of fun for a peck of trouble.*—CY N PEACE.

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OLD FUDGYDUD: *a young whipper-snapper with seniority.* — HAROLD COFFIN.

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EYE WITNESS: *someone watching something somewhere near the scene of an accident.* — GORDON THATCHER.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE: *a treaty pledging 2 powers to coo-existence.* — NOEL WICAL.

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DIPLOMAT: *a person who does not think it necessary to understand things in order to argue about them.*—DAN BENNETT.

" "

BORE: *a person who knows the same stories you do.* — CAROLINE CLARK.

" "

BUDGET: *an attempt to live below your yearnings.*—In a Nutshell.

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INFLATION: *art of cutting a dollar bill in half without touching the paper.*—Industrial Press Service.

Quote

Two men, mbrs of a religious order, wanted to smoke while walking in the garden. They agreed that each would ask his superior for permission.

The first one ret'd to find the second one smoking and complained indignantly: "I was refused!"

"What did you ask?" inq'd the second one.

"I asked if I could smoke while meditating."

"Oh," said the other, blowing his smoke reflectively, "I asked if I could meditate while smoking!"—*Cambridge (England) Daily News.*

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Airplane pioneers Wilbur and Orville Wright, a taciturn duo, hated to make speeches.

Once, at a luncheon, they were scheduled to speak before a group of inventors. The toastmaster called on Wilbur.

"There must be some mistake," stammered Wilbur. "Orville is the one who does the talking."

The toastmaster turned to Orville. The latter stood up and said: "Wilbur just made the speech." —
E E EDGAR.

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Monsieur Dupont is a philosopher, so one day he said to Monsieur Dubois, "All you have to do is look your misfortunes right in the face and laugh at them."

But Monsieur Dubois didn't agree. "I wouldn't dare. Neither my wife nor my mother-in-law has a sense of humor."—*Pourquoi Pas?*, Belgium (QUOTE translation). k

Quote

One male wedding guest to another as they watch bride and groom leave church: "There, but for some fast thinking on a moonlit lake last July, go I."—*Arkansas Baptist.* 1

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The girl of the house was beginning to fall for a young man rooming there. "Stay away from him," her mother advised. "I'm willing to bet he's a married man."

"But, mother, he swears he's single."

"I don't care," said the mother, "he acts married. Every time he pays me he turns his back when he opens his wallet."—*Pacific Oil-Motive Mag.* m

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"Can you let me borrow 500 francs?" Laplume inquired of Tricoche.

But Tricoche wouldn't. "My dear friend, the loan of money destroys friendships. And your friendship is worth more than 500 francs."

"Ok," repl'd Laplume. "Then let me have 5,000." —*Pourquoi Pas?*, Belgium (QUOTE translation). n

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A motorist pulled up at a filling station in Texas and, noting an elderly man who sat sadly watching the cars go by, he remarked: "Everything looks very dry."

"Yes."

"When did it rain last?"

"Bout 3 yrs ago."

"That must be very hard on the ranches around here," said the motorist sympathetically.

The man shook his head: "Don't know what's to become of us. We have sunk thousands drilling for water. And what comes up? Oil." —*Australasian Mfr.* o

Richard Armour



Survey

A statistical survey shows that one out of three Frenchmen does not wear pajamas, and 28 percent of those who do, wear only one of two pieces.—News item.

What would we do without statistics,

And statisticians too,

To bring us fascinating facts
On things we never knew?

Consider with what sacrifice,
What loss of time and sleep,
The notebook-laden chap goes
forth
At night to take a peep.

For us, who calmly read results,
He travels far to Paris
And makes investigations which
You'd think might well embarrass.

He risks the gendarme on his beat,
The Frenchman with insomnia,
The ladder with a rotten rung,
The charge of Peeping Tomnia.

We'll not forget these hard-won
facts,
The statistician's trade.
We also hope we'll not forget
Tonight to pull the shade.

Just heard about an American tourist who couldn't pay his bill in a French sidewalk cafe—so they threw him in! — E E KENYON,
American Wkly. p

The Rev Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain of the U S Senate, was on a return flight from a religious convocation in Honolulu when one of the plane's engines conked out. The pretty hostess hustled about reassuring the passengers, but Chaplain Harris felt she needed a little reassurance herself.

"Nothing can happen to this plane," he told her. "There are 8 bishops aboard."

The hostess forced a smile and said she would relay the comforting news to the capt. In a few min's she was back, looking uncertain.

"I told the capt," she said. "He said he would rather have 4 engines."—*Lutheran.* q

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The weary man had just settled down with his pipe and the evening paper.

"Sam," called his wife, "I've got a lot of things I want to talk to you about."

"Well, fine," said her husband. "Usually you want to talk about a lot of things you haven't got."—E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* r

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A neophyte yachtsman decided to decorate his boat with some bright signal flags which he chose at random. As soon as they were hoisted, every boat in the harbor slipped anchor and left port. It was only later that he learned the meaning of the flags he had put up: "SMALLPOX ABOARD. COMING TO YOUR ASSISTANCE."—JOHN G FULLER, *Saturday Review.* s

Quote

SECOND CLASS MATTER

London Daily Telegraph: "The cause of anti-Americanism. . . has never been that the U S behaves worse than other countries, but that it does not always behave very much better." 1-Q-t

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Statement by U S Navy: "Just as the horse eventually stopped rearing every time a gas buggy roared by, the public will eventually get used to the sonic boom." 2-Q-t

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Every time we get in the shower, and get it adjusted to suit us, some jerk turns on the cold water elsewhere in the house, leaving us scalded and sputtering. Or the hot water, leaving us frozen and furious. Anyway, if we could afford it, we could now put an end to this. There is a control to keep you comfortable in the shower — its secret is a bit-in thermostat that maintains water temperature automatically. \$78 from Leonard Valve Co, Cranston 7, R I.

Going out of the house now, golf

widows may have more luck getting their husbands to trim the lawn with a Golf Grass Cutter. The cutter is a scythe with a rubber grip and chromium-plated shaft, delicately balanced to "groove your swing while you trim the lawn." We suspect golfing husbands will greet this with the same stolid indifference they display toward power mowers, but if you want to try it, it's only \$4.95 at N Y C's Abercrombie and Fitch—and we presume at other stores thruout the country.

